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SUBJ: SOVIET USE OF UN COMPUTERIZED DATA FACILITY

1. DEPENDABLE SECRETARIAT SOURCE TELLS US THAT ON APR 18 MRS. V.M. SOLOMATINA, ONE OF MOST JUNIOR OFFICERS AT SMUN, VISITED UN COMPUTERIZED DATA BANK FACILITY. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF DATA BANK'S AVAILABILITY TO MEMBERS OF MISSIONS TO UN, NOT ONLY DID MRS. SOLOMATINA RECEIVE BRIEFING ON PRESENT AND PROJECTED CAPABILITIES OF DATA BANK, BUT ASKED FOR READOUTS FROM BANK. ALL HER REQUESTS FOR READOUTS RELATED TO POSITIONS TAKEN OVER YEARS BY SENATOR HENRY JACKSON. WHAT HAD BEEN HIS POSITION IN 1968 ELECTION CAMPAIGN? HIS POSITION ON US-SOVIET ISSUES? HIS POSITION ON DISARMAMENT, ETC.? MRS. SOLOMATINA IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE FURTHER VISITS TO COMPUTER FACILITY IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE TO PURSUE HER PROGRAM OF RESEARCH.

2. UN COMPUTER FACILITY INCLUDES TERMINAL WITH ACCESS TO NEW YORK TIMES CORPORATION DATA BANK, TO WHICH UN SUBSCRIBES. WE UNDERSTAND SOVIETS HAVE PREVIOUSLY DEMONSTRATED INTEREST IN NEW YORK TIMES DATA BANK. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS FIRST INSTANCE IN WHICH THEY HVE APPROACHED UN FOR ACCESS TO NYT FACILITY.

3. MRS. SOLOMATINA IS RELATIVELY YOUNG, ATTRACTIVE WIFE OF BORIS ALEKSANDROVICH SOLOMATIN, DEPUTY PERMREP OF
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SOVIET MISSION. SHE TOLD SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS THAT SHE

HAD RECENTLY COMPLETED DOCTORAL DISSERTATION ON USE OF
COMPUTERS BY US DEPARTMENT OF STATE. HER COMMENTS IMPLIED,
HOWEVER, THAT HER RESEARCH HAD FOCUSSED ON COMPUTER USE
FOR PAYROLL AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES AND NOT ON
TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR SUBSTANTIVE DATA RETRIEVAL.
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